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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It is the purpose of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to (i) advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of the legislatures as equal coordinate branches of government in the states and territories of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (ii) seek to foster interstate cooperation; (iii) vigorously represent the states and their legislatures in the American federal system of government; and (iv) work for the improvement of the organization, processes, and operations of the state legislatures, the knowledge and effectiveness of individual legislators and staff, and the encouragement of the practice of high standards of personal and professional conduct by legislators and staffs; and

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WHEREAS, The NCSL annual conference, since its inception in 1975, has been held in such celebrated American cities as New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boston, New Orleans, Indianapolis, Orlando, Denver, and Chicago, with Chicago hosting the event in 1982 and 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to the vote of the Executive Committee of the NCSL, Chicago, Illinois, was selected and will serve as the host city and state for the 2012 NCSL Legislative Summit; and

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1           WHEREAS, The City of Chicago, with its great cultural  
2 wealth, vast diversity, and its prominence as a global center  
3 of conventions and tourism, serves as an ideal setting to host  
4 such a prestigious national event; and

5           WHEREAS, By hosting a conference of such magnitude in the  
6 State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, both the city and  
7 the State will benefit from the influx of public and private  
8 sector revenue as well as the distinction associated with such  
9 an event; and

10          WHEREAS, The development and implementation of a concise  
11 plan to successfully fulfill the goals and high aspirations of  
12 the annual NCSL conference requires an extensive logistical and  
13 preparatory approach; and

14          WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Illinois  
15 realizes the necessity of creating a special committee to  
16 develop a succinct plan to bring to fruition and enhance the  
17 high standards that have been set by previous hosts of the  
18 annual conference; therefore, be it

19          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
21 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created a Host Committee for  
22 the NCSL Legislative Summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois, in

1 the year 2012; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Host Committee shall consist of 3  
3 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate,  
4 one of whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate  
5 as a co-chairperson of the Host Committee; 3 members of the  
6 Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; 3  
7 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
8 Speaker of the House, one of whom shall be designated by the  
9 Speaker of the House as a co-chairperson of the Host Committee;  
10 and 3 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
11 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the  
14 Executive Director of the Chicago Convention and Tourism  
15 Bureau, and the Director of the Department of Commerce and  
16 Economic Opportunity shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting  
17 members of the Host Committee; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That members of the Host Committee shall serve  
19 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their  
20 reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance  
21 of their official duties; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Host Committee may hire staff to advance

1 the objectives of the Committee; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That under the direction of the Host Committee,  
3 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and all  
4 legislative agencies shall provide support services and  
5 assistance; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Host Committee shall formulate a plan  
7 for the procedures and activities of the conference; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Host Committee shall undertake both  
10 public and private sector fundraising initiatives to support  
11 and defray the costs associated with hosting the conference;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution shall be  
14 distributed to the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader  
15 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
16 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Mayor of  
17 the City of Chicago, the Executive Director of the Chicago  
18 Convention and Tourism Bureau, the Director of Commerce and  
19 Economic Opportunity, and the Executive Directors of the  
20 legislative agencies.